First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti

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No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.

June 28, 2015 10:00 am

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

An open and affirming community committed to peace and justice

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP & LIFE TOGETHER: We invite you to participate in this community of faith. If you are a visitor for the first time, please fill out the welcome pad being passed around. We invite you to join us for Friendship Time (refreshments and conversation) at the conclusion of worship.

WE WELCOME CHILDREN so that they may come to understand the worship experience. Families are encouraged to talk about the parts of worship so children may understand and participate. During the worship service we have a time for children with the minister on the rug in the center of the worship space followed by Sunday school (September-May).

Hymns are found in the following books:
NCH *(Black, hardcover "New Century Hymnal")*
Sing! *(Black, softcover, "Sing! Prayer and Praise" songbook)*
ES *(Green, softcover "Everflowing Streams" songbook)*

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Invitation

All people are welcome to participate in this community of faith
If you have questions about becoming a member of this church, please speak with the Pastor or any member of the Community.

Prelude Steve McGhee

***Gathering Hymn** **"Clap Your Hands"** **49 SING** - Steve McGhee

Welcome Ivan Harner

Guests, please complete a Visitor Card and place in the offering plate so we may have a record of your visit.
We hope you will join us for Friendship Time and refreshments after the service.

Thank you for worshiping with us today!

Please rise in body or spirit as you are able

Announcements Ivan Harner

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Ringing the Bell

***Hymn** **"Wake, My Soul"** **91 NCH**

Call to Worship (Unison) Ivan Harner

Amazing God, whose love accomplishes more than all the armaments of an embattled world, and whose empowerment for abundant living we have barely tapped. We come with sadness and concern and we reach out for your help. We, who have created our own definitions of the abundant life, dare to seek your will for us as world citizens and bearers of your steadfast love. Amen.

– Adapted From "Led by Love", Lavon Bayler

LISTENING FOR GOD

Old Testament Reading Psalms 30 Ivan Harner

Hymn **"Jesus, Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child"** **136 NCH**

Children's Time *children are invited to come forward*

New Testament Reading 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Carol Hall

Sermon **"It Takes Time"** Carol Hall

***Hymn** **"Without Love"** **35 ES**

CONVERSING WITH THE HOLY ONE

Prayers of the People Carol Hall

All are invited to offer a prayer, testimony, praise report or prayer request at this time.
Please limit your sharing to one or two sentences and remember confidentiality issues.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Unison) -- Traditional Version

Carol Hall

When we say the Lord's Prayer, please feel free to follow the traditional form or use language that feels comfortable to you, e.g. Mother, Creator, God, Friend, or Realm, Kindom, Wisdom.

Offering this prayer in unison brings us together and the words illustrate our common journey

Our Father and Mother
Who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kin-dom come.
Thy will be done
on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kin-dom and the power
and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.

RESPONDING TO OUR CALLING

Invitation to the Offering (Unison)

Carol Hall

God's generous act for us by bringing to earth his Son, Jesus Christ, invites our generosity. Identifying with our poverty, Jesus leads us to true riches. We are called to give according to our means, toward the goal of a fair balance among all God's children. May our offerings begin to answer that call. Amen.

- Adapted from "Led by Love", Lavon Bayler

Offertory

Steve McGhee

*Doxology

"Take My Gifts" **562 NCH**

Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me,
Gave me light and food and shelter, Gave me life and set me free,
Now because your love has touched me, I have love to give away,
Now the bread of love is rising, Loaves of love to multiply!

Prayer of Dedication** ***(Unison) Ivan Harner

Gracious Giver of Life, we pray that you will find our gifts acceptable. May these gifts be distributed in the work of this community in a manner acceptable to making the world in the image you would have it be. May our gifts bring meaning to the lives of those who receive them and we ask your assistance to ensure that those who have much may not have too much and those who have little may not have too little. Amen.

– Adapted from "Led by Love", Lavon Bayler

DEPARTING WITH PRAISE

***Hymn of Departure** **"Out of the Depths, O God We Call"** **554 NCH**

***Benediction** Carol Hall

One: Continue to excel in everything.
Serve with eagerness, faith and love.

Many: We seek to share the best that we know.
We want to pass on the love we have received.

One: Dare to be generous with your time and resources.
The needs of others are not always apparent.

Many: We are eager to reach out helping hands.
We need strength and assurance to do so.

One: Your faith is making you well.
God is healing and equipping you – Go in peace!

Many: Together, we have been empowered.
Apart, we will continue to feel God's touch and help others.
Amen!

Postlude Steve McGhee

(Please be seated for the Postlude)

Passing the Peace *Share a greeting with your neighbor as we transition to our snack.*

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God is still speaking,
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Our Volunteers	Today: June 28th	Next Sunday: July 5th
Usher	Lyle Molter	Marty Kleino
Preaching	Carol Hall	Carol Hall
Worship Leader	Ivan Harner	Wayne Burling
Worship Set-up	Margaret Harner	Margaret Harner
Acolyte	Desayre Penn	Hunter Turner
Friendship Time	Melanie Harner	Anne Marie N-T

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL CARE EMERGENCIES: If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Glenda Horvath, 734-904-0420

CONGREGATIONAL CARE: Kindly remember in your prayers our members and friends who are sick and/or shut-in. Send a card or note to lift their spirits and yours as well.

Fran Pebbles' address: *American Homes Carpenter, 3470 Carpenter Rd., Apt 332, Ypsilanti, MI 48197. Phone: 734-975-0987*

Sally Dusbiber's *address': Silver Maples of Chelsea, Room 1211, 100 Silver Maples Dr., Chelsea, MI 48118. Sally's direct phone line is 734-433-2396 and the Silver Maples line is 734-475-4111, x217.*

IMMIGRATION MINISTRY (WICIR): For information about what's happening with Immigrant Rights and ***Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights*****,** or if you are interested in learning ways to help, please contact Margaret Harner at 734-483-3464 or through their Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/WICIR .

MICHIGAN OPEN & AFFIRMING COALITION: For information about what's happening with **Michigan Open and Affirming Coalition,** or if you are interested in joining us, please contact Wayne Burling at 734-377-0696. More information can be found on their website http://www.mi-ona.org or on facebook at https://www.facebook.com/groups/onami/

WASHTENAW REGIONAL ORGANIZING COALITION: "First Congregational is a co-founding institution of the new local "organization of organizations" **WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition).** In many ways, WeROC is a larger illustration of the values and mission we try to live out at First Congregational. The diverse faith congregations and labor and community organizations that make up WeROC are, at our core, focused on intentionally reweaving the frayed fabric of community -- at a time when forces are at work every day to keep us fragmented, suspicious of each other, feeling isolated and on our own. We are showing by example that people from many backgrounds and perspectives can, even today, come together in powerful ways around our common values and *actually change* unjust public policies. WeROC is a part of the S.E. Michigan organization MOSES and the national Gamaliel Foundation.
See Tad Wysor (tadwysor@gmail.com, 734 883 3225) for more on how First Congregational is connecting with current WeROC issues and actions.

OUR WEBSITE: http://www.ypsiucc.org Let Wayne know if you have any additional items to be added. He could use lots more pictures. Also check out and like our Facebook page. https://www.facebook.com/pages/First-Congregational-United-Church-of-Christ-Ypsilanti/115695119913 .

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